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The Honorable Stanfield Turner Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Mr. Turner:

In response to a request from the Senate Appropriations Committee, the General Accounting Office is developing a Government-wide nutrition, food, and agriculture information base and conducting an organizational analysis of food-related programs. The information generated should be valuable for budget preparation, the appropriations process, and for improving overall program efficiency in this area.

We are now in the process of identifying all of the Federal food-related programs and designing a questionnaire to collect the information needed for the data base. Within the next few weeks we will send you a copy of the questionnaire with the instructions necessary to complete it. We plan to have interviewers contact appropriate members of your staff to assist them in completing the questionnaire.

We would appreciate it if you could advise your staff of this request and designate appropriate agency officials to serve as liaison by December 15, 1978. The names and telephone numbers of your liaison officials should be sent to:

> Mr. William Gahr or Mr. Todd Weiss U.S. General Accounting Office 441 G Street, NW Room 6826 Washington, DC 20548

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gahr or Mr. Weiss on 275-5525.

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated.

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Comptroller General of the United States